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My name is Lane Schwartz. I am a United States citizen, resident of 207 W. Iowa St, Greenfield, Iowa; I am currently pursuing a Master's degree in Computer Speech, Text, and Internet Technology at the University of Cambridge in Cambridge, England. I have a B.A. in Computer Science from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

This email is directed to the U.S. Department of Justice as my public commentary on the United States vs. Microsoft, as per the Tunney Act.

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I believe the Proposed Final Judgement (PFJ) in United States vs. Microsoft to be fundamentally and fatally flawed.

The Judgement, as it stands, will not prevent Microsoft from enjoying the fruits of their illegal and anti-competitive policies. Nor will it stifle future anti-competitive behavior from Microsoft.

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I have followed the above case with keen interest for the past several years. I am a programmer and computer researcher, and as such the anti-competitive actions that Microsoft has engaged in have affected me personally even more than the average computer user.

I have had to deal with the effects of Microsoft creating their own proprietary version of Java. I have been unable to fully reap the fruits of Sun's competitive, cross-platform technology because of the many web designers who (knowingly or not) wrote applets for distribution via the web that will only run on Microsoft Windows.

I wish to state that the PFJ as it stands is unacceptable. I have read many of the relevant documents in this case, and I believe that the current PFJ will be a mere slap on the wrist of a convicted monopolist. I agree with the issues put forth by Dan Kegel of Codeweavers.com (<http://crossover.codeweavers.com/mirror/www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html>). I also wish to put my support behind the alternate judgements proposed by the several states in this case.

Please do not sell out to Microsoft in this case. They have committed a serious crime. Do not let them get away with a light remedy. Do not ignore the thousands of developers who wish desperately to create competitive products, but are prevented by the fear of unknown and

undisclosed Microsoft software patents. Do not ignore the would-be competitors.

Thank you for your time.

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